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HOMEWORK 2
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Problem A. Basic derivatives

(1) What is the definition of the *derivative*?

(2) Explain why $\frac{d1}{dx} = 0$.

(3) Explain why $\frac{da}{dx} = 0$ if a is a number.

(4) Explain why $\frac{dx}{dx} = 1$.

(5) Explain why $\frac{dx^2}{dx} = 2x$.

(6) Explain why $\frac{dx^3}{dx} = 3x^2$.

(7) Explain why $\frac{dx^{-1}}{dx} = -x^{-2}$.

(8) Explain why $\frac{dx^{-2}}{dx} = -2x^{-3}$.

(9) Explain why $\frac{dx^{-3}}{dx} = -3x^{-4}$.

(10) Explain why $\frac{d(3x^2+2x)^{-1}}{dx} = \frac{-(6x+2)}{(3x^2+2x)^2}$.

(11) Explain why $\frac{dx^{1/2}}{dx} = \frac{1}{2}x^{-1/2}$.

(12) Explain why $\frac{dx^{1/3}}{dx} = \frac{1}{3}x^{-2/3}$.

(13) Explain why $\frac{dx^{3/5}}{dx} = \frac{3}{5}x^{-2/5}$.

(14) Explain why $\dfrac{1}{1-x} = 1 + x + x^2 + x^3 + \cdots$.

(15) Explain why $\dfrac{x^n - 1}{x - 1} = 1 + x + x^2 + x^3 + \cdots + x^{n-1}$.

Problem B. The chain rule and the derivative of x^n

(1) Explain why $\dfrac{dx^n}{dx} = nx^{n-1}$, for all positive integers n.

(2) Explain why $\dfrac{dx^n}{dx} = nx^{n-1}$, for $n = 0$.

(3) Explain why $\dfrac{dx^n}{dx} = nx^{n-1}$, for all negative integers n.

(4) Explain why $\dfrac{dx^{m/n}}{dx} = (m/n)x^{(m/n)-1}$, for all integers m and n, with $n \neq 0$.

(5) Let g be a function. Show that $\dfrac{dg^0}{dx} = 0\dfrac{dg}{dx}$.

(6) Let g be a function. Show that $\dfrac{dg^1}{dx} = 1g^0\dfrac{dg}{dx}$.

(7) Let g be a function. Show that $\dfrac{dg^2}{dx} = 2g^1\dfrac{dg}{dx}$.

(8) Let g be a function. Show that $\dfrac{dg^3}{dx} = 3g^2\dfrac{dg}{dx}$.

(9) Let g be a function. Show that $\dfrac{dg^4}{dx} = 4g^3\dfrac{dg}{dx}$.

(10) Let g be a function. Show that $\dfrac{dg^5}{dx} = 5g^4\dfrac{dg}{dx}$.

(11) Let g be a function. Show that $\dfrac{dg^n}{dx} = ng^{n-1}\dfrac{dg}{dx}$ for any positive integer n.

(12) Let $f(y) = 4y^3 + 7y^2 + 2y - 13$ and let g be a function.
Show that $\dfrac{d(f(g))}{dx} = (12g^2 + 14g + 2)\dfrac{dg}{dx}$.

(13) Let f be a polynomial and let g be a function. Show that $\dfrac{d(f(g))}{dx} = \dfrac{df}{dg} \cdot \dfrac{dg}{dx}$.

Problem C. Computing some derivatives

(1) Find $\dfrac{dy}{dx}$ when $y = (2x+3)(5x+6)$.

(2) Find $\dfrac{dy}{dx}$ when $y = \left(x + \dfrac{1}{x}\right)\left(\sqrt{x} + \dfrac{1}{\sqrt{x}}\right)$.

(3) Find $\dfrac{dy}{dx}$ when $y = (2x-5)^2(3x-4)^3$.

(4) Find $\dfrac{dy}{dx}$ when $y = \left(ex^2 + \dfrac{\pi}{x^3} + x^{7/2}\right)$.

(5) Find $\dfrac{dy}{dx}$ when $y = \left(\dfrac{x-3}{x-4}\right)^2$.

(6) Find $\dfrac{dy}{dx}$ when $y = \dfrac{3x+5}{4-x^2}$.

(7) Find $\dfrac{dy}{dx}$ when $y = \dfrac{x}{\sqrt{1-2x}}$.

(8) Find $\dfrac{dy}{dx}$ when $y = \dfrac{1+\sqrt{x}}{1-\sqrt{x}}$.

(9) Find $\dfrac{dy}{dx}$ when $y = \dfrac{2(x+1)}{x^2+2x-3}$.

(10) Find $\dfrac{dy}{dx}$ when $y = \dfrac{\sqrt{a+x}-\sqrt{a-x}}{\sqrt{a+x}+\sqrt{a-x}}$.

(11) Find $\dfrac{dy}{dx}$ when $y = \dfrac{x^2-2}{x+1}$.

(12) Find $\dfrac{dy}{dx}$ when $y = \dfrac{\sqrt{x}}{\sqrt{x-3}}$.

(13) Find $\dfrac{dy}{dx}$ when $y = \dfrac{x^n+1}{x^n-1}$.

(14) Find $\dfrac{dy}{dx}$ when $y = \dfrac{\sqrt{1+x^2}}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}$.

(15) Find $\dfrac{dy}{dx}$ when $y = \dfrac{2x^2-1}{x\sqrt{1+x^2}}$

(16) Find $\frac{dy}{dx}$ when $y = u^n$.

(17) Find $\frac{dy}{dx}$ when $y = \sqrt{1 - x^2}$.

Problem D. Correcting derivative identities

(1) Correct the identity $\frac{d}{dx}(x^{3/2}) = \frac{1}{2}x^{1/2}$.

(2) Correct the identity $\frac{d}{dx}(x^3 + 3) = 3x^2 + 3$.

(3) Correct the identity $\frac{d}{dx}(x + 3)^{5/2} = \frac{5}{2}(x + 3)^{1/2}$.

(4) Correct the identity $\frac{d}{dx}\left(\frac{u}{v}\right) = \frac{v\frac{du}{dx} + u\frac{dv}{dx}}{v^2}$.

(5) Correct the identity $\frac{d}{dx}(u + v) = \frac{du}{dx} - \frac{dv}{dx}$.

(6) Correct the identity $\frac{d}{dx}(uv) = \frac{du}{dx} \cdot \frac{dv}{dx}$.

Problem E. Verifying derivative identities

(1) If $y = x^{7/2}$ show that $2x\frac{dy}{dx} - 7y = 0$.

(2) If $y = 3 - x^2$ prove that $\left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)^2 - 4x^2 = 0$.

(3) If $y = \sqrt{x} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}}$ show that $2x\frac{dy}{dx} + y - 2\sqrt{x} = 0$.

(4) If $y = 1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^3}{3!} + \cdots + \frac{x^n}{n!}$ show that $\frac{dy}{dx} - y + \frac{x^n}{n!} = 0$.

(5) If $y = 1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^3}{3!} + \cdots$ show that $\frac{dy}{dx} = y$.

(6) If $z = \frac{3}{1+t}$ show that $3t\frac{dz}{dt} = z(z - 3)$.

(7) If $y = \dfrac{1}{a-z}$ show that $\dfrac{dz}{dy} = (z-a)^2$.

(8) If $y = \dfrac{x}{x-p}$ prove that $x\dfrac{dy}{dx} = y(1-y)$.

(9) If $y = x - \sqrt{1+x^2}$ show that $(1+x^2)\left(\dfrac{dy}{dx}\right)^2 = y^2$.

(10) If $y = x^2$ show that $\left(\dfrac{dy}{dx}\right)^2 = 4y$.

(11) If $y = \sqrt{1+x^5}$ show that $\dfrac{dy}{dx} = \dfrac{5x^4}{2y}$.

Problem F. Derivatives at a point

(1) Find $\dfrac{dy}{dx}$ at $x = 2$ when $y = x^3 - 3x^2 + 5x + 6$.

(2) Find $\left.\dfrac{dy}{dx}\right|_{x=2}$ when $y = x^2 + x + 2$.

(3) Find $\dfrac{dy}{dx}$ at $x = 3$ when $y = x^6 + 3x^2 + 5$.

(4) Find $\left.\dfrac{dy}{dx}\right|_{x=3}$ when $y = (x+1)(x+2)$.

Problem G. Derivatives with respect to functions

(1) Differentiate $t^2 - \dfrac{4}{t^2}$ with respect to t^5.

(2) Differentiate $\dfrac{x^2}{1+x^2}$ with respect to x^2.

(3) Differentiate $\dfrac{ax+b}{cx+d}$ with respect to $\dfrac{a_1x+b_1}{c_1x+d_1}$.

(4) Differentiate x^3 with respect to x^2.

(5) Differentiate $\dfrac{\sqrt{1+x^2}-\sqrt{1-x^2}}{\sqrt{1+x^2}+\sqrt{1-x^2}}$ with respect to $\sqrt{1-x^4}$.

(6) Differentiate $\dfrac{x}{1+x^2}$ with respect to x^3.

(7) Differentiate $x - \sqrt{1-x^2}$ with respect to $\sqrt{1-x^2}$.

(8) Differentiate $7x^5 - 11x^2$ with respect to $7x^2 - 15x$.

Problem H. Derivatives of parametric equations

(1) Find $\dfrac{dy}{dx}$ when $x = pt$ and $y = p/t$.

(2) Find $\dfrac{dy}{dx}$ when $x = at^2$ and $y = 2at$.

(3) Find $\dfrac{dy}{dx}$ when $y = \dfrac{2at^2}{1+t^2}$ and $x = \dfrac{2a}{1+t^2}$.

(4) Find $\dfrac{dy}{dx}$ when $x = a\dfrac{1-t^2}{1+t^2}$ and $y = b\dfrac{2t}{1+t^2}$.

(5) Find $\dfrac{dy}{dx}$ when $x = a\sqrt{\dfrac{t^2-1}{t^2+1}}$ and $y = at\sqrt{\dfrac{t^2-1}{t^2+1}}$.

(6) Find $\dfrac{dy}{dx}$ when $x = a\dfrac{1+t^2}{1-t^2}$ and $y = \dfrac{2bt}{1-t^2}$.

(7) Find $\dfrac{dy}{dx}$ when $x = \dfrac{3at}{1+t^3}$ and $y = \dfrac{3at^2}{1+t^3}$.

(8) Find $\dfrac{dy}{dx}$ when $x = \dfrac{1-t^2}{1+t^2}$ and $y = \dfrac{2t}{1+t^2}$.

Problem I. Implicit differentiation

(1) Find $\dfrac{dy}{dx}$ when $x^4 + y^4 = 4a^2x^2y^2$.

(2) Find $\dfrac{dy}{dx}$ when $\dfrac{x^2}{a^2} + \dfrac{y^2}{b^2} = 1$.

(3) Find $\dfrac{dy}{dx}$ when $x^5 + y^5 - 5ax^2y^2 = 0$.

(4) If $ax^2 + by^2 + 2gx + 2fy + 2hxy + c = 0$ show that $\dfrac{dy}{dx} + \dfrac{ax+hy+g}{hx+by+f} = 0$.

(5) If $xy + px + q = 0$ prove that $x^2\dfrac{dy}{dx}$ is always constant.

(6) Find $\dfrac{dy}{dx}$ when $ax^2 + 2hxy + by^2 + 2gx + 2fy + c = 0$.